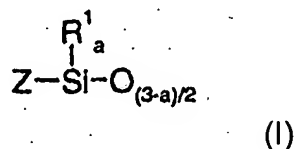


Please amend the claims as follows:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original): An organosilicone compound comprising a unit of formula I

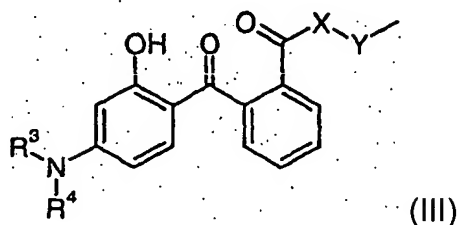


wherein

a is 0, 1 or 2,

R¹ is hydrogen, a saturated or unsaturated C₁-C₃₀hydrocarbon group or a trimethylsilyloxy group; and

Z is an amino substituted hydroxybenzophenone of formula III



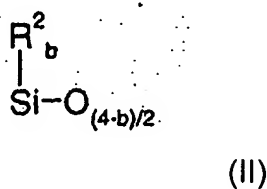
wherein

R³ and R⁴ independently are hydrogen, C₁-C₂₀alkyl, C₂-C₂₀alkenyl, C₃-C₁₀cycloalkyl or C₃-C₁₀cycloalkenyl or R³ and R⁴, together with the nitrogen atom they are bound to, form a 5 to 6 membered ring;

X is -O- or -NR⁵- wherein R⁵ is hydrogen, C₁-C₂₀alkyl, C₂-C₂₀alkenyl, C₃-C₁₀cycloalkyl or C₃-C₁₀cycloalkenyl; and

Y is a divalent C₃-C₁₂alkylene or alkenylene chain;

and, optionally, a unit of formula II



wherein

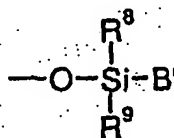
b is 0, 1, 2, 3; and

R^2 is hydrogen, a saturated or unsaturated C_1 - C_{30} hydrocarbon group or a trimethylsilyloxy group.

2. (Original): A linear diorgano-siloxane polymer comprising one structural unit of formula IVa and one structural unit of formula IVb

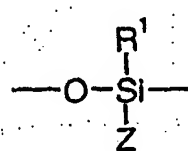


(IVa)



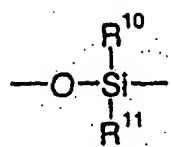
(IVb)

s units of formula IVc



(IVc)

and r units of formula IVd



(IVd)

wherein

Z is as defined in claim 1;

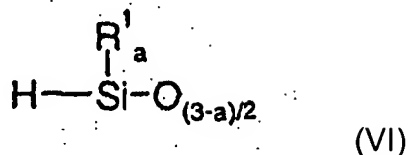
R^1 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^9 , R^{10} and R^{11} independently are as defined in claim 1 for R^2 ;

B and B' independently are a group Z or a group R^2 ;

r is an integer from 0 to 200; and

s is an integer from 0 to 50, wherein at least B or B' is Z when s is 0.

3. (Original): A process for the preparation of an organosilicone compound according to claim 1 comprising reacting (hydrosilylating) an organosilicone compound comprising a unit of formula VI



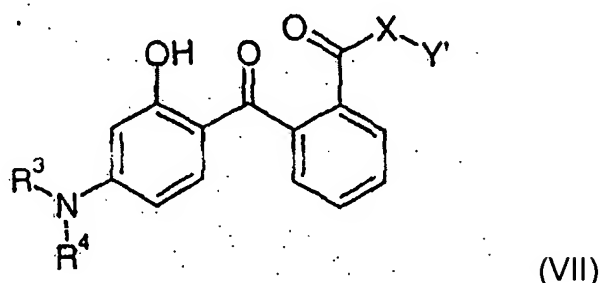
wherein

a is 0, 1 or 2; and

R'¹ is hydrogen, a saturated or unsaturated C₁-C₃₀hydrocarbon group or a trimethylsilyloxy group;

and, optionally, a unit of formula II according to claim 1,

with a compound of formula VII



in which R³, R⁴ and X are as defined in claim 1 and Y' has the same definition as Y in claim 1, but is terminated either with a double or a triple bond.

4. (Original): A cosmetic composition comprising an organosilicone compound as in claim 1 together with cosmetically accepted adjuvants and additives.

5. (Original): A cosmetic composition comprising an organosilicone compound as in claim 1 for protecting human hair and/or skin against damage in which UVA irradiation plays a role or is implicated.

6. (Original): A method to the protection of human hair and/or skin against damage in which UVA irradiation plays a role or is implicated which comprises topically applying an effective amount of an organosilicone compound as in claim 1.

7. (Original): Use of an organosilicone compound as in claim 1 for protecting human hair and/or skin against damage in which UVA irradiation plays a role or is implicated.

8. (Canceled).